

## ★ CONGRESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT ★

**TREATIES** (S. J. Res. 1): Republican policy committee has asked the Attorney General and Senator Bricker (R., Ohio) to try to compromise their differences on this proposed constitutional amendment restricting the treaty-making power.

**WHEAT FOR PAKISTAN** (S. 2112, H. R. 5659): Both Senate and House have voted to give 1 million tons of wheat to Pakistan "to prevent starvation and political unrest."

**DISARMAMENT** (S. Con. Res. 32): Introduced by Senator Flanders (R., Vt.), and 33 other Senators, this resolution declares it to be the purpose of the U. S. to obtain, within the UN, enforceable universal disarmament.

**MUTUAL SECURITY** (H. R. 5710): See story page one.

**CUSTOMS SIMPLIFICATION**: On June 19, House Ways and Means Committee approved a newly written bill, H. R. 5877, to simplify customs procedures. This replaces H. R. 5106. Rep. Jenkins (R., Ohio) sponsored both bills.

**TRADE** (H. R. 5495): House passed this bill, June 15, without changing committee recommendations. (See Spotlight, 6/15/53.) Senate Finance Committee is expected to report bill to Senate soon.

**ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY** (S. 2150, H. J. Res. 104): Senate Foreign Relations Committee reported favorably a bill to create the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, June 16. House Committee on Public Works concluded hearings on federal participation in St. Lawrence-Great Lakes Seaway project on June 18.

**IMPORT QUOTAS**: The President, June 8, invoked agricultural quotas and fees under Section 22 of the Agricultural Act to protect price support and crop control programs. The

proclamation, issued on advice of the Tariff Commission, sets limits on imports of dairy products and peanuts, and imposes fees of 50% on flaxseed and linseed oils; 25% on peanut oil beyond 80 million pounds a year.

After the President took this action, the House eliminated Section 104 of the Economic Control bill, which imposed like restrictions.

**UN FLAG** (S. 694): Awaits appointment of Conference Committee.

**ELECTION LAW CHANGE** (S. 2081): Introduced by Senators Henning (D., Mo.), Hayden (D., Ariz.) and Hendrickson (R., N. J.), June 10, this bill sets a ceiling of \$250,000 on campaign spending by or in behalf of a candidate for the Senate, and \$25,000 for a candidate for the House. It would raise from \$3 million to \$10 million the ceiling on annual spending by a national political campaign committee. Referred to Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**: A sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on June 11 to consider S. J. Res. 8, 17, 19, and 85, all proposing constitutional amendments relative to nomination and election of the President and Vice President.

**U. S.-UN RELATIONS** (S. 3): Requires all U. S. applicants for UN jobs to obtain security clearance from the Attorney General. Penalty would be \$10,000 fine or five years in jail or both. State and Justice Departments protested the bill as unnecessary in view of Executive action and as an interference with UN administrative independence. Passed Senate, June 8. Now before House Judiciary Committee.

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**TREATIES** (S. J. Res. 1)†: Senate debate on Sen. Bricker's (R., O.) proposal to limit the President's treaty-making powers, as well as several alternative proposals, began Jan. 27. Voting on proposed amendments and substitutes is now scheduled to begin Feb. 16. Sen. Morse (I., Ore.) has given notice that he will file a motion to recommit the Resolution to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further study.

**FOREIGN POLICY** (H. J. Res. 350): House Foreign Affairs Committee is holding hearings on this bill, introduced by Rep. Javits (R., N. Y.), to promote U. S. foreign policy by fostering international travel and the exchange of persons. S. J. Res. 117, companion bill, was introduced by Sen. Flanders (R., Vt.).

**FOOD RESERVE** (H. J. Res. 333): Introduced by Rep. Metcalf (D., Mont.). Provides for the creation of an International Food Reserve. Referred to House Foreign Affairs Committee.

**CUSTOMS SIMPLIFICATION** (H. R. 6584): This bill, sponsored by Rep. Jenkins (R., O.), which revises the basis for determining value on imports and makes other technical changes in the customs laws passed the House July 30, 1953, and is now in the Senate Finance Committee.

**LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP** (S. 2757): This bill, introduced by Sens. Ferguson (R., Mich.) and Smith (R., Maine) would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the loss of nationality of

persons convicted of conspiring against the government and related crimes. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. This bill was introduced following the President's request in his State of the Union Message that citizenship be denied to persons convicted of treason.

**WITNESS IMMUNITY** (H. R. 6899): This bill, sponsored by Rep. Keating (R., N. Y.), would grant immunity to witnesses compelled by Congressional Committees to testify. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

**EQUAL PAY** (H. R. 7172): This bill providing equal pay for equal work is sponsored by Mrs. Bolton (R., O.). Referred to House Education and Labor Committee.

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS** (H. R. 6900): This bill, introduced by Rep. Carnahan (D., Mo.), proposes the creation of an Advisory Board to study foreign policy problems and advise with the President on matters of policy. Referred to House Foreign Affairs Committee.

**D. C. HOME RULE** (S. 2413)\* Reported by the Senate District of Columbia Committee, July 23, 1953, this bill would provide an elected Council of 9 members, an elected mayor and school board, and give the District the power to incur indebtedness. Passed over on a Call of the Calendar, Feb. 8, 1954.

\* Indicates League support  
† Indicates League opposition

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**CORRECTION:** THE EDITORS regret that in the January 15 issue, figures on Senate membership were inadvertently reversed. The correct figures are Republicans, 47, Democrats 48, Independents, 1.

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